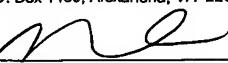


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated January 12, 2006 (the "Office Action"), and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for an extension of time is submitted herewith; accordingly, this response is believed to be timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.